

## REMARKS

The Advisory Action and Office Action rejected claims 1-6 and 8-13. Independent claims 1, 3, and 9 are amended. The rejections are traversed, and reconsideration of all claims is respectfully requested.

### Rejection of Claims 1-6 and 8-13 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-6 and 8-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0018774 to Long et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Long") in view of U.S. Patent 4,025,139 to Martucci. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Long and Martucci, taken separately or in combination, do not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "the connector receives and sends data and DC power between the docking station and the computer main body," as recited in claim 1.

Martucci's power supply cable does not transmit data. In addition, the connection port 126' of Long's notebook computer (Figures 8 and 14) only receives power. Long does not receive data through connection port 126'. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentably distinguishable from the cited references.

Claim 2 depends directly from claim 1 and includes all of the features of that claim plus additional features which are not taught or suggested by the reference. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 2 also patentably distinguishes over the cited reference.

Similarly, Long and Martucci taken alone or in combination do not disclose, teach or suggest at least, "wherein the docking station and the portable device are electrically connected through a connector, and wherein the connector receives and sends data and DC power between the docking station and the portable device," as recited in independent claim 3. Therefore, for at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claim 3 also patentably distinguishes over the cited references.

Claims 4-6 and 8 depend directly or indirectly from claim 3 and include all of the features of that claim plus additional features which are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, for at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4-6 and 8 also patentably distinguish over the cited references.

Similarly, Long and Martucci taken alone or in combination do not disclose, teach or

suggest at least, "wherein the first and second electrical devices are electrically connected through a connector, and wherein the connector receives and sends data and DC power between the first and second electrical devices," as recited in claim 9. Therefore, for at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claim 9 also patentably distinguishes over the cited references.

Claims 10-13 depend directly or indirectly from claim 9 and include all the features of that claim plus additional features which are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, for at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 10-13 also patentably distinguish over the cited references.

Summary

Claims 1-6 and 8-13 are pending and under consideration. It is respectfully submitted that none of the references taken alone or in combination disclose the present claimed invention.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

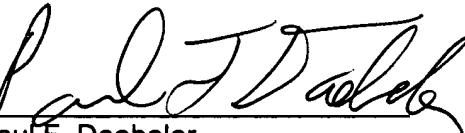
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